

## NOW FOR THE FEES

The Matter of County Officers  
Extra Fees

## IS NOW TO BE DISCUSSED

The Prosecuting Attorney Believes the  
County Should Get Nearly, if Not  
Quite All—Jail Matters.

At today's session of the county supervisors will be read an important report from the prosecuting attorney regarding the fees of the county treasurer, clerk and register, as to what fees if any may be retained by them in addition to their salaries of \$2,500 per year. The report, which was filed yesterday, deals first with the question of fees for abstracts made by the register, which, as is well known, is a mighty good paying department. It states that while there is no legal authority for collection of fees by the county for making abstracts, that being separate from the duties of the register as prescribed by law, yet the county pays all the expense of making them and is of right entitled to all the proceeds. The report suggests, however, that a contract be entered into with the register, calling for payment to the county of abstract fees.

The matter of making tax histories, etc., by the treasurer is dealt with in much the same manner. The treasurer having asked for a clerk at county expense to do this work, should not expect to appropriate the proceeds, notwithstanding it is a side matter from his regular duties.

## Marriage License Fees.

As to clerks' fees the situation is somewhat different. In referring to the marriage license fees the prosecutor finds that the legal fee and all the county is entitled to is 50 cents. The price charged is 75 cents, and the clerk is entitled to the extra quarter for swearing the applicant to the affidavit for license, provided he administers the oath as a notary public. In reference, for instance, to testing of citizens' paper no fee is prescribed by law, and Mr. Wolcott believes that the clerk may collect for the portion of that service which is not performed especially by virtue of his office. Much the same rules apply to making of copies and other services outside of the regular duties prescribed by law.

## Want Pay Monthly.

The sheriff and sheriff's force asked the board of supervisors yesterday to allow them in the future to draw a reasonable per centage of the amounts due them each month instead of having to wait several months for their pay, as they have been forced to do in the past. On motion of Mr. Skeels the matter was referred to the committee on justice, sheriffs and constables bills. Members of the committee do not seem to look favorably on the plan, although the deputy sheriffs claim there is no justice in compelling them to wait from January to October to have their bills in criminal cases allowed. The situation is quite different from what it was in former years, as the treasurer can not under the new law advance money to the officers on his own responsibility, the main deposit being to the county's credit and payable only on order of the chairman and clerk. The deputies contend that if the sheriff O. K.'s their bills they should be allowed to draw one-half the amount every month.

## CHILDREN'S NEW HOME.

The Directors Held a Meeting There Yesterday.

The directors of the Children's home met yesterday afternoon for the first time in the new home on Cherry street. A reporter for THE HERALD who called found the usual confusion incident to moving in. The size and convenience of the home has little to be desired. It will accommodate 100 children without crowding, and at present shelters thirty-two children and six adults, besides the matron, Mrs. Slater, and her assistants. The large new addition on the rear contains school rooms, dining room, kitchen and laundry, separate dormitories for boys and girls, etc., while in the front portion are the reception rooms, sewing room, sitting room, hospital room for sick children and apartments for the matron, teachers, etc. On the third floor of the main building is the kindergarten room where the children are regularly instructed daily. The building is heated by steam and the ventilation and plumbing a first class.

Mrs. H. M. Moore, the president, said yesterday that the women were greatly surprised at the growth of the work of the home, which was only

begun last April. There is no indebtedness, and the women feel grateful at the present outlook for a work whose importance has been so well demonstrated. The meeting of yesterday was informal and only routine business was transacted.

## City News in Brief.

At the meeting of the Kindergarten association at Park Congregational church Friday evening a pleasant feature of the evening will be an address by Miss Mary E. McDowell of Chicago on the subject "Hull House and Its Charities." As Miss McDowell was a resident of that well-known charitable institution for one year, the address will be very interesting. The lecture is free to all.

Considerable excitement was caused at the corner of Monroe and Water streets about 7 o'clock last night by the breaking of a trolley wire. A large crowd congregated around the place, and the police were obliged to keep them away from the wire until the repair gang could make the splice.

The effects of the blizzard are still being felt by the railroads. The Chicago train on the C. & W. M. was an hour and a quarter late, while the G. & I. train from the north was two hours late last night. All the other trains were a few moments behind scheduled time.

The city marshal has advised the city clerk to let the contract for filling the Egnall quarry on Davis street to John Powers, the man who was next higher in the bid than Michael Tennes, who threw up the job. Mr. Powers' figures were \$3,315, while Mr. Tennes' were but \$2,772.

F. P. Cranes of Bay City was in town yesterday talking up the organization of a central baseball league. He believes Grand Rapids should and will be in the league, which it is proposed will also include Saginaw, Bay City, Port Wayne, Toledo, Columbus and Indianapolis.

Hattie Lilhe, pastry cook at the Bridge Street house, was summoned yesterday to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Warren Goodnow, of Warner, N. D. Mrs. Goodnow is dying of blood poisoning. She formerly lived near Berlin, Iowa.

The annual statement of the Wolverine Spice company, filed yesterday, shows the capital stock to be \$10,000, with \$5,400 paid in. There is no real estate; the personal property is worth \$5,198.14, the debts are \$801.30, and the credits \$1,510.40.

A caterer occupied by Hattie Henderson and Mattie Baldwin was overturned on West Leonard street early yesterday morning, throwing the young women out, but not injuring them. The horse ran away and seriously disfigured the cutter.

The feed store of P. Dykema on West Bridge street, suffered a serious loss early yesterday morning, from fire. The loss to the contents of the store was \$1,500; insured for \$600. The damage to the building was \$500; fully insured.

The Ladies Literary club, study class in Italian art, will meet Thursday afternoon, January 12, at 3 o'clock, with Miss Ella Dean, No. 171 North Prospect street. Later meetings will be held at the club house on Sheldon street.

The Central Y. W. C. T. U. held a sewing bee and business meeting at the home of the Misses Shirley, No. 19 Oakley court, Tuesday evening. Reports were submitted on the sewing school and evangelistic work.

The Political Equality club held a social session in the residence of Mrs. Pearson, No. 103 East Bridge street, last evening. The evening was spent with music and recitations and excellent refreshments.

W. H. Hughes, editor of the Michigan Catholic, will be married tomorrow in Chicago to Miss Haney of that city. James Grady and John B. Hughes left yesterday to attend the ceremony.

About 100 persons attended the party given by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at the Engineers' hall on South Division street last night.

The kindergarten mothers' class met in the parlors of the Fountain Street Baptist church yesterday afternoon. About twenty were present for advice and instruction.

The sheriff of Leelanaw county was here yesterday looking for C. B. Taylor, wanted for criminal assault. Taylor was found near Hudsonville and arrested.

The Woman's State Press club meeting in Saginaw opened yesterday. Grand Rapids is represented by Mrs. Ella S. Wilson and Miss Jennie Patton.

Mrs. John R. Larimer died yesterday at her home on East Bridge street. The interment will take place at Mansfield, O., where they were sent last night.

W. P. Walsh is appointed solicitor for the Legal Protective union, a new association for furnishing legal services by the yearly contract plan.

## THEY FIX THE LIMIT

Manufacturers and Wholesale  
Dealers in Lumber

## WILL GRANT SIXTY DAYS' TIME

For the Payment of Shipments—A  
Decisive Meeting of Michigan Lumbermen Held in the Morton.

Do you buy lumber? If so you must pay for it within sixty days.

Representatives of sixty of the largest wholesale lumber dealers in Michigan met in room No. 115 of the Morton yesterday and declared that the limit of time without interest should be two months, and that the discount should be optional with the seller.

There was considerable argument before the final decision in regard to the discount was reached; but those present at the meeting were unanimous about the sixty-day matter.

For years Michigan lumbermen have been threatening to do something with the man that didn't acknowledge the receipt of a carload of lumber until three months after it had been shipped and then responded with a note for ninety days. His name has been legion and his home the universe. Finally the Saginaw Lumber Dealers' association called a meeting to be held in the Morton house yesterday afternoon.

Prominent lumbermen from all over the state were present.

Mr. McGrath of Muskegon was called to the chair, L. C. Slade of Saginaw was chosen secretary. The secretary read the call of the meeting. W. E. Mercehon of Saginaw informed the meeting of the action of the Saginaw Valley Lumber Dealers' association and urged that urgent action be taken.

The terms adopted by the Saginaw men were as follows: Two per cent discount from net for cash in fifteen days from shipment or note of acceptance at sixty days from date of invoice, interest in interest. Where lumber is sold delivered, freight is to be net cash.

Mr. Mercehon assured the visiting lumbermen that any amendment would be accepted by the Saginaw men. E. C. Miller of this city offered a resolution that the terms be: Ten days, two per cent off; thirty days, one per cent off; sixty days, net. No interest after deducting freight; to include all states in which Michigan dealers sell lumber. George D. Sison thought two per cent off was a rather large rate of interest. He preferred to give their customers thirty days. L. C. Slade did not think a man would pay for lumber until he received it, and it was impossible to have lumber delivered within ten days. He thought two per cent too large a discount. John Dregge agreed with Mr. Slade, but did not think two per cent too big a discount. He moved as an amendment that the ten days be changed to fifteen. George D. Sison thought a dealer that got returns within thirty days was doing mighty well. He favored one and one-half per cent off for thirty days. L. H. Roys of Saginaw wished to know if the terms were to be iron clad. Mr. McGrath said the members should stand by the agreement.

E. B. Wright favored sixty days with one per cent off for thirty days.

Terms on Shingles.

Phil C. Fuller thought the terms on shingles should be made the same as on lumber. W. E. Mercehon said it was understood that shingles must be paid for within sixty days, one and one-half per cent off for cash. He couldn't see why the lumber men could not make their terms as distinctly understood.

L. C. Slade read the action of the Tonnawanda lumber dealers, giving one and one-half per cent, for fifteen days, and sixty days net. He said the Tonnawanda men said they had no trouble in enforcing this except when they came into competition with Michigan dealers. Mr. Slade thought the difference between lumber men should be confined to prices and grades, not terms.

George D. Sison said the Sison & Lilley Lumber company would not give two per cent off. They had been giving one and one-half and did not care to increase it.

Francis Lilley moved as an amendment to the amendment that terms on lumber, lath and shingles be sixty days and one and one-half per cent off for fifteen days, the same terms adopted by the Tonnawanda dealers.

The Discount Optional.

Phil C. Fuller, R. K. Mann and Tate Stark discussed the matter at length.

Finally F. C. Miller withdrew the original motion and moved that the time for selling lumber, lath and shingles be limited to sixty days without interest. This prevailed unanimously.

Francis Lilley then moved that the discount on lumber, lath and shingles be made one and a half per cent for fifteen days.

Mr. McGrath was in favor of increasing the discount and then shading the price of the lumber enough to make the difference.

E. B. Wright favored one and a half per cent with the privilege of the dealer's making private arrangements in special cases.

George N. Wagner favored leaving the discount to the shippers themselves. He thought the dealers could agree to make the same terms as the shingle dealers have in the lumber business.

W. E. Mercehon moved that the matter of discount be left to the individual dealer. He held that if the members took no action in regard to uniform prices, it would do no good to establish a uniform discount. Mr. Mercehon's motion prevailed unanimously.

The matter of notifying retail dealers was left to L. C. Slade of Saginaw and J. S. Bennett of Muskegon.

A committee consisting of W. E. Mercehon of Saginaw, E. B. Foss of Bay City, J. S. Bennett of Muskegon, Henry Bellow of Cadillac and W. E. Barrett of Grand Rapids were appointed to confer in reference to the formation of a State Lumbermen's association.

Those Present.

The following representatives of Michigan lumber firms were present: Saginaw—W. E. Mercehon of the Mercehon Lumber company, E. Germaine of Germaine & Co., L. C. Slade, S. L. Mead of Bliss & Van Aken, Fred S. Ayres of the Ayres Lumber & Salt company, J. H. Simpson, Eugene Chapman of the C. K. Eddy Lumber company, G. B. Wiggins, L. H. Roys of the Saginaw & Lake City Lumber company, Muskegon—E. B. Wright of the Monroe Manufacturing company and the West Michigan Lumber company; Cadillac—McGrath of the McGrath Lumber company; R. K. Mann of Mann, Moon & Co.; Tate Stark of the Tate Lumber company; Grand Rapids—Bennett of the Kirk of the G. J. & M. railroad; J. E.

## Montgomery, P. W. Maxwell of the

Maxwell Lumber company; J. S. Bennett of Bennett Bros.

Grand Rapids—A. J. Daniels of Winchester & Daniels, P. C. Fullerton of A. F. Irish of the Fuller & Irish Lumber company, John Dregge of John Dregge & Co., George D. Sison and Francis Lilley of the Sison & Lilley Lumber company, F. C. Miller of F. C. Miller & Co., W. E. Barrett of W. E. Barrett & Co., C. Morton of G. N. Wagner of Wagner Bros. & Co., C. S. Bacon of C. S. Bacon & Co.

Bay City—J. M. Hammond of A. H. Gates & Co., and S. G. M. Gates.

Lake City—E. C. Groesbeck of the L. S. Sands Lumber company.

Benion Harbor—J. B. Graves of J. B. Graves & Co.

Freemont—H. J. Dudley.

Lilley—Joseph Vollmer of the Sison & Lilley Lumber company.

Cadillac—J. S. Fletcher of J. Cummer & Sons and the Cummer Lumber company.

"UNCLE CHARLIE" IS DEAD.

Another Well-Known Grand Rapids Pioneer Expires.

Charles A. Robinson died last night at 10:30 o'clock at his home, No. 160 North Prospect street. Mr. Robinson suffered a stroke of paralysis a year ago last August and had sustained one or two shocks since. The first shock affected him so that he could no longer attend to business and of late he had failed very rapidly, but has been confined to his bed only about a fortnight.

Mr. Robinson, or "Uncle Charlie," as he was better known, has been a prominent citizen here since 1855. He was born in New York state. He gained the above sobriquet as a leader in the Knights of Labor movement when first organized. He was also prominent in G. A. R. circles. He was collector of the Fourth ward from '81 till '90 and has been in the real estate business for many years; before that he kept a grocery store on Bridge street hill, and in early days was in the livery business. He was a veteran soldier in the Tenth Michigan cavalry and served in that and other capacities throughout the war. Deceased leaves his wife and son, William A., and daughter, Mary L. Turner. He was a member of the Old Settlers' association. Arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

Wanted to Keep Warm.

Abram DeCamp, his stepson Tony DeCamp, aged 16, John Conski and Frank Smith were arrested last night while in the act of stealing coal from a car on the G. & I. just north of Seventh street. The four men and nine children, eight of them belonging to DeCamp and one to Smith, reside at No. 124 Fourth street, and they tell a heart rending story of being without fuel or the where-with to buy it.

Smith completely broke down while talking to a reporter for THE HERALD when mention was made of his family and cried like a child. The men claim that they have no fuel and but little food. They are laborers and the cold weather has rendered it impossible for them to work.

Frank Leitelt's Death.

Frank Leitelt, aged 68 years, died Monday night at his residence, No. 452 Ottawa street, of apoplexy. He was around as usual all the morning, but at noon was found unconscious by his daughter, and at 9 o'clock in the evening he died. He was a brother of Adolph Leitelt and was well known in German circles. Five children, Mrs. W. Ball, Frank Leitelt, Mrs. Julia Leitelt, Mrs. L. A. Leitelt, and Mrs. Hattie Leitelt survive him.

The funeral will be held from St. Mary's church Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Named His Committee.

At a special meeting of the Press club, held last night, President Fletcher read his inaugural message, and the recommendations were referred to a special committee. The message was placed on the records of the club. The following standing committees were appointed: Reception—L. F. Williams, W. S. Turner, W. H. Turner. Entertainment—W. B. Weston, W. J. Sprott, F. L. Cobb. Rooms—J. H. Finn, H. L. Leitch, J. E. Emery, J. E. Emery, L. G. Stuart, Bert Hall, F. W. Boughton.

No Fault of the Walk.

Marshal Bragg made an investigation of the walk on Crescent avenue where it is alleged that John Thompson broke his leg Tuesday evening. The walk is not broken, and no heavy timber has been drawn across it. The place where the accident happened is on Crescent avenue, near the foot of the park steps. The walk is very slippery and the grade is steep at that point. There was no sign of a break in the boards of the walk.

Men of St. Mark's.

There was a men's meeting held in St. Mark's church last night to discuss matters of interest to the parish. The general and general condition of the church was the subject under consideration and was discussed in an informal way by those present. W. R. Shelby and E. F. Sweet were appointed a committee to prepare a program for the next meeting which will be held on the second Wednesday of next month.

Cut His Head Open.

A. B. Turner, the venerable editor of the Eagle, met with a painful accident Tuesday evening in his home on Sheldon street. He went into the basement to attend to the furnace, when he slipped on something that tripped him so that he fell, striking his left eyebrow on the edge of the coal bin and cut a wash an inch long in the forehead. Dr. G. K. Jones was called and took several stitches to close the wound.

Officers Installed.

Last evening at Macabees hall, on Pearl street, P. C. Ladyrecht installed the officers of Grace No. 54, L. O. T. M., and G. C. J. J. McDonald performed a like service for Crescent Star Tent No. 10. T. M. After the exercises were over, the officers of the two organizations, Sir Knight Sles and brother, and Bert Rice, Sergeant Charles Clive, of Company H, gave an exhibition in the lightning drill manual.

Slowed Down the Cars.

Street car travel up grade became slower than walking the latter part of yesterday afternoon. The salt cars were pushed over the various lines and the improvement for the time being was very noticeable. The fineness of the snow made combining its insulating qualities all the harder.

Idas as a Soldier.

During her stay in the city Ida Van

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has joined the Innes Rides as an honorary member, and on Friday evening will be formally accepted, as such, at that time a squad of twenty-four men under Captain B. H. will give an exhibition drill on the stage at Redmond's.

Peninsular Club Officers.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Peninsular club held yesterday the following officers were elected: President, Willard Barnhart; vice-president, J. W. Champlin; treasurer, R. D. Stewart; secretary, John McQuarrie. The standing committees will be appointed later.

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